In addition, Central assistance provided initially to Gujarat and Maharashtra under EAS is Rs. 485 lakhs and Rs. 570 lakhs respectively.

Allocations for remaining years of 8th Five Year Plan would be made at the beginning of each year.

SHORTFALL IN PUBLIC SECTOR PLANS

2454. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for the second consequtive year in 1993-94, the States' and Central annual public sector plans have been under funded;

(b) if so, whether this has resulted in sharp shortfall in investment in crore sectors like power, transport, telecommunications etc :

(c) if so, what are the main reasons for the shortfall in public sector plans both central and State; and

(d) what steps are being taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

EFFECT OF THE STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT PROGRAMME IN EMPLOYMENT GENERATION

2455. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Governments structural adjustment programmes will seriously affect employment generation;

(b) if so, whether it has been pointed out by experts that vast employment opportunities will open up if key areas like agro-based industries including food processing, construction, tertiary and services are developed;

(c) if so, whether the Planning Commission has submitted its plan to Government for development of the areas to open employment opportunities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) to (d) The Eighth Five Year Plan envisages employment growth of 2.6 to 2.8 per cent per annum or on an average 8 to 9 million additional employment opportunities per year. The Plan document also indicates that the on-going structural reforms may slow down the growth rate of the economy and, therefore, of employment during initial one or two years of the Eighth Plan. The Growth rate of the economy during 1992-93 is estimated to have been 4.2 per cent as compared to 1.2 per cent during 1991-92. With the reversal in the decline of the rate of growth of the economy, rate of growth of employment, which was about 2 per cent during 1992-93, is likely to go up in the coming years of the Plan period

The employment strategy in the Plan already lays stress on development of agro-based and allied activities, of non-agricultural, particularly manufacturing activities, in rural areas and the small and decentralised manufacturing sector, expansion of programmes of construction of infrastructure and residential accommodation and promotion of the growth of the services and informal sector activities.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE ECONOMIC REFORMS INTRODUCED IN THE COUNTRY

2456. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state what are the achievements so far of the economic reforms introduced